

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT BY STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has decided to invest Rs.800-1000 crores every year to upgrade the existing facilities;
- (b) if so, the details, thereof;
- (c) whether any new improvement plan has been made to improve the techno-economics of loss making steel plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, SAIL intends to invest Rs.800-1000 crore every year to upgrade the existing facilities during 10th Plan period (2002-07). The investments depending on techno-economics and availability of funds, would be made in the areas of Iron & Steel making and Rolling Mills.

Some of the major projects presently being undertaken are as follows:

- Long Rail Facilities in Rail & Structural Mill at Bhilai Steel Plant.
- Upgradation of Pipe Plants of RSP and Rebuilding of Coke Oven Battery No.1 at Rourkela Steel Plant.

Further, a new Bloom Caster with Reheating Furnace at Durgapur Steel Plant and Rebuilding of Coke Oven Battery No.5 at Bokaro Steel Plant are being considered. Besides the above, the other major projects envisaged during 10th Plan period are Upgradation of Cold Rolling Mills at Bokaro and Rourkela Steel Plants, a new Finishing Mill at Durgapur Steel Plant, Upgradation of Blast Furnaces at Bhilai Steel Plant and Casters at Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants.

(c) & (d): Continuous efforts are being made by SAIL to improve the techno-economic performance of all plants, including the loss making plants. This includes improvement in blast furnace productivity, lower coke rate & higher volumes of production for optimal utilisation of resources.